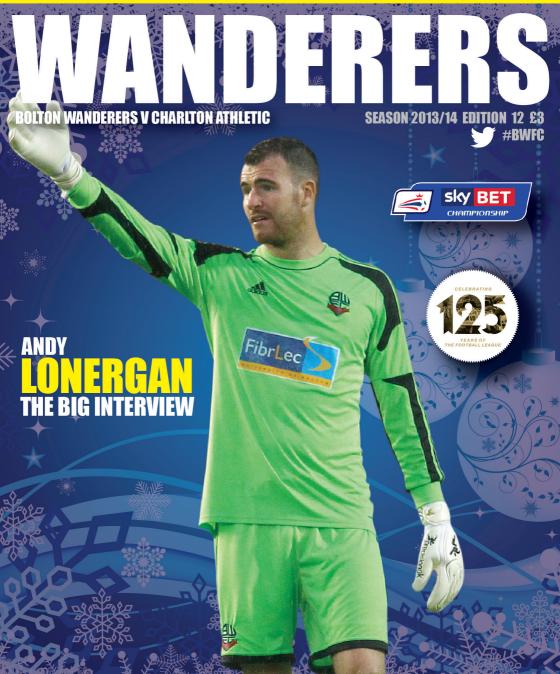
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Good afternoon and welcome back to the Reebok Stadium for today's game against Charlton Athletic.

Looking back on the game at Wigan, the best memory will certainly be the fantastic away support and the atmosphere that they generated. It's as good as I can remember since we've been here and all the players and management really appreciated it.

Unfortunately the result went against us. Although Wigan were on top for the first 25 minutes or so, we feel we were undone by two contentious goals, with the first one particularly harsh and dubious.

It was very pleasing to see how the players fought back to get the level and we looked very dangerous going forward, but it's ultimately disappointing to concede the third goal via a couple of deflections.

We feel we could have gone on and won the game. Once again, the performance merited more than the end result and on this occasion Wigan knew how fortunate they were to take all of the points.

There were a lot of positives to take from the game and the players are in a determined and buoyant mood ahead of today's visit of Charlton. We're ready to bounce back at what is a very important time in the season for clubs in the Championship.

Another positive to come out of the game at Wigan was the return of Mark Davies. It was pleasing to welcome him back and good to see him get on as a sub for the last ten minutes. He looked very sharp and as if he'd never been away. It's a real testament to medical team and he adds to the strength of our squad.

Ahead of today's game I'd like to welcome Chris Powell and all of the players, staff and supporters of Charlton Athletic.

This season, once again, they have amassed a healthy points total away from home and we know of their threats. At the same time we have shown what we are capable of in recent weeks. It's a game of great importance, as we look to get back on the winning trail.

Hopefully the support this afternoon will be as inspiring as it was at Wigan and we can send you all home happy this evening.

Finally, on behalf of all of the staff and players here at Bolton Wanderers, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone an enjoyable Christmas.

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Enjoy the game.





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Good afternoon and welcome to the Reebok Stadium for what will be our final home game of the calendar year.

Watching on from the sidelines at Wigan last Sunday, it was a difficult result to take. The two opening goals for Wigan were disappointing ones to give away.

At half time I spoke to each player individually and told them all to keep on believing because if Wigan can score two goals in 45 minutes, so can we.

Wigan were tiring towards the end of the first half and I knew if the lads kept on believing in themselves then they would get back into the game.

We did very well at the start of the second half and scored two well taken goals from Neil Danns and Andre Moritz. The problem was after we scored the equaliser we let our foot off the gas and allowed Wigan to go and score a third.

We stayed in the game right until the last kick and we were unlucky not to come away with a point, but the fans will have seen the belief within the squad. It was a hard result to take, but we have a lot of positives to take away from the game.

At home, we played a fortnight ago against Doncaster Rovers and we thoroughly deserved to win by three goals. We did bring that type of performance to Wigan but a few decisions went against the team.

The supporters were fantastic once again like they always are. For over 4,500 fans to make the journey is once again a great effort. We have got four tough league games coming up now in the space of 11 days. We start that run today against Charlton Athletic and we are determined to put things right after Sunday.

Hopefully the fans will play their part once again, as they did at Wigan, and get behind the team because all the lads want to give them an early Christmas present with three points.

We have a chance to climb the table quickly if we can string four positive results together and we want to finish the year in style.

There are 12 points to play for and we have 23 league games to play in 2014 before the end of the season.

We are not far away to finding a consistent run of form - we are just falling short in a few areas. I really do believe we will get there soon by cutting out the little mistakes.

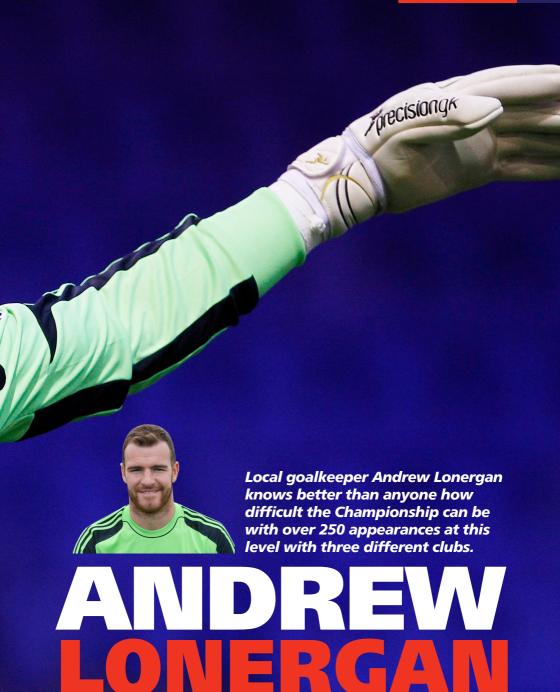
We are a good team and anybody that plays against Bolton Wanderers knows they are in for a tough game. Everybody is there for the beating and if we can get three wins before the end of the year, it will be a great way to walk into 2014.

I would like to take this chance to thank everybody for their support in 2013 and we hope to kick on in the New Year.









O D C D E WITHANDREWLONERGAN

Born only 20 miles down the road in Preston, Bolton Wanderers goalkeeper Andrew Lonergan admitted that he has relished every moment of his recent run of games between the posts for the Whites.

The former England youth international came into the fray following an injury to Hungarian shot stopper Adam Bogdan and immediately showed his experience at this level, with the 30-year-old playing a vital role in tightening up a Bolton backline that went on to secure clean sheets at Watford and Bournemouth last month

In the final 2013 edition of the Wanderers' matchday programme, Lonergan explained how he would love keep hold of the gloves, despite tough competition from his fellow goalkeepers at BL6.

"I want to play as many games as I can," confessed the former Leeds United man. "It does sound simple but that is all I want to do - play football matches.

"I want to play well because if I don't then I am not going to get in the team. There are a lot of good goalkeepers here - Adam Bogdan has done well since I arrived and Arran Lee-Barrett joined last month and he is also a very good goalkeeper.

"Arran is not here just to provide cover – he is here because he wants to play football. That is everybody's intention."

This season is not the first time Lonergan has had to fight off competition to retain his place in goal, with the former Preston North End keeper often finding himself battling it out with his fellow contenders for a starting berth during his time at Deepdale.

"In 2005 when Preston reached the Championship Play-Off final against West Ham, I played 25 league games but unfortunately I picked up an injury in the February and the club signed Carlo Nash for cover.

"It is hard when you are out of the team because you want to get back in but I am always confident of my own ability.

"Carlo was a different class and he deserved to keep hold of shirt for the remainder of the campaign but I soon found myself back in the team."

On the injury front, Lonergan has sympathy for his current team mate and young goalkeeper Jay Lynch as the 20 year-old continues to build from a recent injury.

After making his Preston debut at the age of 16, Lonergan had to wait four years until he made his next Lilywhites appearance, only to then fall victim to injury himself, allowing him to relate to Lynch's current situation.

"People may have not seen much of Jay but he is a fantastic young goalkeeper," Lonergan insisted. "He has been unfortunate because he recently picked up an injury but he is top class.

"For some reason I expected to play for the first team at Preston at some stage, so it was good that my debut came early as it made me realise what I needed to do to kick on.

"After making my senior debut, I remember after the game the goalkeeping coach telling me that I might not play again for another year and he was right.

"I went back to playing for the youth team and the reserves and I had a few loan spells away from Preston.

"I started playing for the club again when I was 20, but I then missed 18 months with a cruciate injury. I had an operation and I thought the injury had healed but the surgery didn't go to plan so I had to have it done for a second time but fortunately things worked out right in the end."

A boyhood Preston North End supporter, Lonergan has been a goalkeeper ever since his playground days, and as a regular at Deepdale he was delighted that his career started at his boyhood club

However, it wasn't all plain sailing for Bolton's number 24 after he was fold he was going to be released at the age of 10 by a familiar face to the Reebok crowd – only to find out 24 hours later that wasn't to be the case.

"When I was ten, Sam Allardyce who was my coach at the time at Preston told me I wasn't going to be kept on but the following day I received a letter saying that they wanted to keep me.

"It felt great to sign for the club I supported," Lonergan continued. "I received a lot of offers from big clubs in the local area but I never entertained them because the only thing I wanted to do was to play for Preston.

"My Dad and Granddad were both big influences on me when I was younger - I can't thank them enough because they used to take me everywhere and they always got involved.



"I remember going to the game that David Beckham scored from a corner for North End. I used to go every single week and I couldn't get enough of either playing or watching football," a nostalgic Lonergan recalled with a smile on his face.

After spending nearly 20 years with Preston, Lonergan left Deepdale in July 2011 after the club were relegated to League One.



Having departed his childhood club, the keeper went on to spurn a reunion with his former manager David Moyes at Everton, instead deciding to join Leeds United.

Despite the move to Elland Road only lasting 12 months however, Lonergan insists he does not regret his decision for a second to join the Yorkshire outfit.

"The relegation season at Preston was a strange one. I had the opportunity to leave in the summer and I thought I was on my way to West Brom.

"Preston upped their price and the deal didn't happen, and in all honesty it hurt me a lot.

"The new manager came in and stopped me leaving on deadline day, but two days later he told me I could leave.

"I had the opportunity to join Everton or Leeds and I thought for my career it would be best to go to Leeds."

Lonergan continued: "I thought if I can play well for a big club like Leeds, at Elland Road, then I can play anywhere.

"It is a great crowd but a hard one to play in front of. I was only there for 12 months but I thoroughly enjoyed my time there.

"I played the first 40 games of the season but then I went and broke my finger. As soon as Neil Warnock came in I knew he would bring Paddy Kenny with him, so it was time for me to leave."

As one door closed another opened for Lonergan as he made the switch back to the North West to sign for Bolton Wanderers in July 2012, with the keeper openly admitted that it was the perfect move at the perfect time.

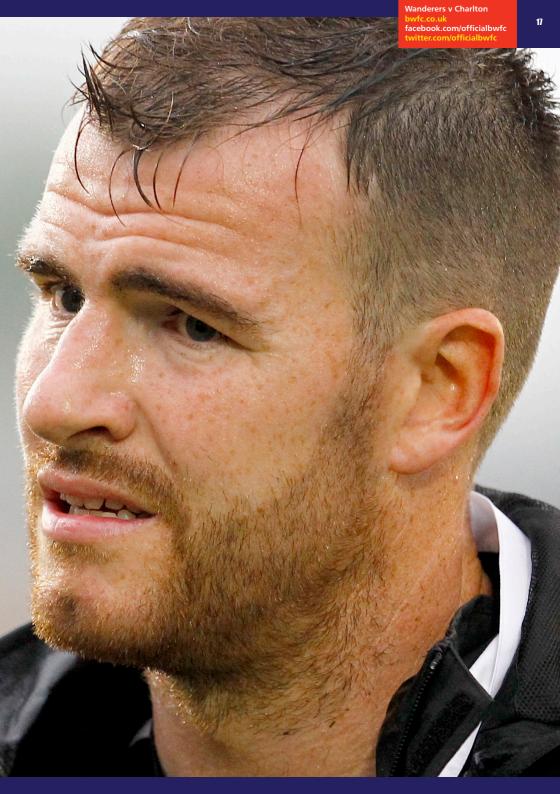
"Owen Coyle showed a bit of interest in me when he was at Burnley but being a Preston player it wasn't the right move for me, even though they had just won promotion to the Premier League," Lonergan revealed

"I still live in Preston so joining Bolton was perfect for me. I would never sign for a club on that reason alone, but it helped.

"Neil Warnock said to me at Leeds, that if it wasn't for Paddy he would be playing me, but in the end everything worked out perfectly because it resulted in me coming to join Bolton Wanderers

"I am really enjoying my time at the club and I am hoping we can kick on now in 2014 and climb the league table."







INTHECOMMUNITY

FIRST TEAM STARS DELIVER CHRISTMAS CHEER

Members of the Bolton Wanderers first team squad helped to spread the festive cheer on Tuesday afternoon by visiting children at Royal Bolton Hospital who won't be spending Christmas at home this year.

Whilst Jay Spearing led eight of his team mates to the E5 children's ward at Royal Bolton Hospital, Zat Knight, Stuart Holden and a handful of other players visited Derian House Childrens' Hospice in Chorley to hand over gifts and donations.

At the same time, another group of players including Tim Ream and Darren Pratley visited Bolton Hospice to spend time with those visiting the facility on Chorley New Road for respite care.









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POST-MATCH REACTION

Dougie Freedman on bwfc.co.uk



our shape."

"In the second half we kept on going and we got level. The disappointing thing for me was for five or ten minutes after our equaliser we lost

Kevin McNaughton on bwfc.co.uk



"We are all bitterly disappointed to have lost the game after we showed fantastic character to come back from two goals down."

Uwe Rosler on latics.co.uk



"The start to the game was perfect. The players were ready to take everything on board that we spoke

about beforehand and play my sort of football."

DANNS! The midfielder heads home Moritz's cross (49) 2-1 #WIGvBOL

Penalty to kicked in the face after a bouncing ball! Tempers flaring! (61)

LEVELS! Bolton game at the DW (63) 2-2 #WIGvBOL

Goal. Wigan back fires home at the back post. (69) 3-2 #WIGvBOL

Bolton #BWFC dominated the second half but the hosts win by three #WIGvBOL

KEVININGHTON WE NEED TO BOUNCE BACK

Kevin McNaughton confessed his frustration at the manner in which Wanderers suffered defeat against Wigan Athletic last weekend, but is determined to ensure that history does not repeat itself against Charlton today.

In a controversy laden Greater Manchester derby, Dougie Freedman's side found themselves 2-0 down heading in at the interval courtesy of Ben Watson's penalty and Nick Powell's strike.

A Neil Danns header and Andre Moritz's penalty briefly restored parity midway through the second half, only for Callum McManaman to seal the win for Wigan with 20 minutes left on the clock.

After seeing three points slip through their fingers, McNaughton could not hide his disappointment at the result, acknowledging that Wanderers may have been a little naïve in immediately pushing for the win after cancelling out Wigan's two-goal advantage.

"The boys were gutted. It was a game we did not deserve to lose based on our second-half performance," the defender admitted.

"We worked hard to get back in the game but conceded a silly goal which has given them a bit of a lift and made things difficult for us, especially after putting so much effort in to get it back to 2-2.

"You're never out of a game in this division, even at 2-0 down. Even when you're in the ascendancy, you're always liable to that sucker punch because teams have got quality coming forward."

The full-back added: "Wigan had a good 25 minute spell in the game when they were on top of us, but I thought

towards the end of the half we started getting back into it and we took that into the second period.

"We probably just went for it a bit too much. Maybe we should have kept our shape and contained things for five or ten minutes and started building again towards the end of the game."

McNaughton was full of mixed emotions after the match, revealing his pride at the way his team-mates fought back to level the scores, but displeasure at the legitimacy of the goals they conceded.

"We regrouped well, especially after conceding a disappointing first goal," the 31-year-old said. "I don't know if it's handball or not for their penalty.

"It's been headed at Matt Mills from point-blank range, so whether it hit his hand on not I don't know.

"I don't see how the referee can give it, but he's given it. The lads said that the second goal was offside as well, so that's a bitter pill to swallow."

However, McNaughton conceded that Wanderers only had themselves to blame for Wigan's winner, before stating his determination to focus on the future and make amends to the supporters, starting with this afternoon's clash against Charlton.

"It was hard to see them scoring from a set piece," he said. "It was disappointing from our view to concede like that.

"But there's no point in feeling sorry for ourselves. We've just got to go out against Charlton and try and get the result again."







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DEVELOPMENTSQUAD



Wanderers' Under 21 side suffered only their second league defeat of the season on home soil with a 5-0 reverse at the hands of their Chelsea counterparts on Monday evening.

Having fallen behind to Lewis Baker's long range effort in the 18th minute, the Whites proceeded to concede again before the break with Isaiah Brown doubling the Blues tally.

A thorn in the Bolton defence throughout the clash, Brown then went on to find the back of the net twice more in the second half to complete his hat trick before John Swift's late strike ensured an impressive scoreline for the Stamford Bridge outfit.

Both sides showed their intent from the outset, with Islam Feruz going close for Chelsea while Zach Clough ensured that Jamal Blackman was on his guard as he broke into the area with just four minutes on the clock.

With the game well and truly underway, Baker looked to have broken the deadlock for Chelsea with a curling effort from just outside the area, but Arran Lee-Barrett was alert and parried the ball away.

It wasn't to be until the 16th minute that Wanderers would enjoy their first clear cut chance as David Ngog found himself in on goal, but the Frenchman skewed his shot under pressure from Fankaty Dabo.

No sooner had the Whites enjoyed an opportunity to score however, the visitors proceeded to take the lead in some style as Baker curled the ball home from just outside the penalty area.

Having got their noses in front, Chelsea almost doubled their advantage just moments later as Feruz found himself in space, but the youngster proceeded to fire his effort into the side netting with the goal at his mercy.

As the half wore on it was mostly one way traffic from the Blues, and their dominance paid off with 32 minutes on the clock as Isaiah Brown rifled his shot from the edge of the box into the roof of the net to double their tally.

Having struggled to break down a resilient Chelsea defence, the Blues almost handed Bolton a way back into the clash in the 37th minute with Andreas Christensen headed the ball towards his own goal, but the defender was to have his blushes spared as his teammate cleared it off the line.

As the second period got underway, Chelsea went onto enjoy the first chance of the half as Swift powered into the area and pulled the ball back for the advancing Blues' strike force, but Bolger was on hand to clear the ball to safety.

That effort was to prove to be a warning to Bolton, with Brown doubling his tally in the 50th minute after breaking free of the Whites' defence and calmly slotting the ball past Lee-Barrett.

It was to get even worse for Wanderers just five minutes later as Brown found himself in space and was given the simple task of firing the ball past the despairing Bolton keeper to complete his hat trick and make it four for Chelsea.

Visibly stunned by the Blues' quick-fire brace, Wanderers almost snatched a consolation through Ngog as he unleashed a powerful shot, but the Chelsea keeper was on his guard to deny him from close range.

As the clock ran down, Feruz looked to have extended the visitors' lead with a close range effort which Lee-Barrett pushed onto the post while Ngog went close yet again for Wanderers, but it was to be Swift who had the last word with a superb effort that gave Lee-Barrett no chance with effectively the last kick of the game.

Bolton: Lee-Barrett, White, Holding, Matthews, Bolger, Vela, Clough (Wilkinson, 69), Youngs, Ngog, Davies (Gregus, 60), Hall Subs not used: Sutherland, Woodland, Lester



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WANDERERS 1-1 SHEFFIELD UTD



Bolton Wanderers were knocked out of the FA Youth Cup after a 4-3 defeat on penalties against Sheffield United at the Reebok Stadium last Friday evening.

The game finished 1-1 after extra time courtesy of substitute William Abbotts' 90th minute equaliser, cancelling out Otis Khan's first half opener.

Despite a valiant display from the Bolton youngsters, the Yorkshire outfit came out on top in the penalty shootout, converting all four of their spot kicks to end Wanderers' cup dream.

With chances having been very few and far between for both sides inside the opening half hour, United proceeded to take the lead against the run of play with 34 minutes gone as Khan delicately slotted the ball past a despairing Will Jaaskelainen.

With work to do in the second period, Bolton came out with real purpose and energy looking for an equaliser and put in a couple of early testing crosses for the Blades to deal with.

After an hour, Lee and Kelly made their first change of the evening as Jamie Hinchcliffe came off for William Abbotts an alteration that later proved to be vital.

United should have extended their lead as the game wore on with Joel Coustrain, Connor Dimaio and Khan crashing efforts against the woodwork, but their inability to capitalise on their opportunities was to be Wanderers' gain as Abbotts' 90th minute unstoppable 25-yard strike sent the game to extra time.

A further 30 minutes now remained as both teams looked to book their place in the fou<mark>r</mark>th round of the FA Youth Cup, with Bradford City or Millwall awaiting in the next stage.

Abbotts, buoyed from his late equaliser, nearly turned the game completely on its head four minutes into the first period, but Eastwood was on hand to beat the ball away.

Both teams continued to work hard for the all-important third goal, but the tie was left to be decided from the penalty spot with James Ball missing the decisive kick as the Blades ran out winners in the shootout.

Speaking following the final whistle, coach Lee admitted his delight at the way his side battled from start to finish.

"Penalties are a lottery and every credit to Sheffield United, they scored theirs," he said.

"Because we didn't score an early goal we were always going to be susceptible to counter attacks and when Sheffield United scored, I thought the character of the players was very good.

"Even though we went into the break one goal down we were still in the game and the players showed great character to come out in the second half.

"Right at the end we scored a wonder goal through Will and he made a real impact when he came on from the bench.

He added: "We were a young side but the lads did themselves credit and the attitude the boys showed by not giving up was superb.

"We lost the game, but the experience will stand them all in good stead with their development."

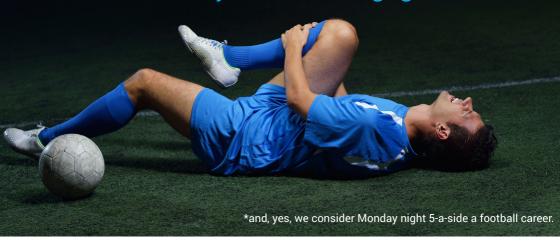
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Annual festive service held with over 1,200 in attendance

More than 1,200 people attended the club's annual Christmas Carol Service which was held in the Premier Suite on Monday evening.

Those present were joined by a number of local primary schools and choirs, with club chairman Phil Gartside also attending the event which will be broadcast on 107.4 Tower FM on Christmas morning between 6am and 7am.

Pupils from schools such as The Oaks Hardy Mill, Walmsley C of E, Chorley New Road and St Gregory's RCP sang hymns and read poems, with the Bolton Junior Youth Choir and the Millenium Chapel Gospel Choir also featuring throughout the evening.

Within the service there were reading from the Bolton Wanderers chairman, Reverend Paul Martin and Dave Bagley, chief executive of Urban Outreach.

Urban Outreach, which is the club's local charity of the year, have organised 600 hampers to be delivered to those most in need on Christmas Day.

Speaking following the service, club chaplain Phil Mason admitted his delight at the turnout of supporters and paid tribute to the local youngsters who performed on the night.

"It was a great success and wonderful to see well over 1000 people fill the Premier Suite," he said. "The children that performed were very talented indeed, and it has kicked Christmas off to a great start.





Obituary

Geoff Harris, a lifelong Bolton Wanderers supporter and season ticket holder for over 40 years sadly passed away at the start of the season.

Having watched the Whites in recent years in the West Lower Stand with his sister Kathleen, Geoff supported Bolton at Wembley for their two cup finals in the 1950s and was a regular attender at Burnden Park after being introduced by his father Fred.

Geoff passed away aged 77 and he is sadly missed by his family and friends.







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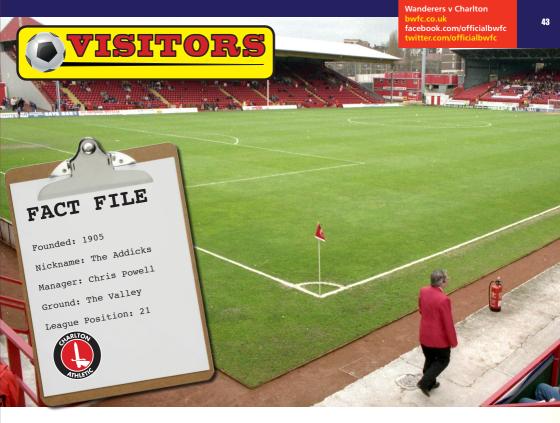
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SO FAR THIS SEASON...

After just missing out on the Play-Off places in their first season back in the Championship, Charlton Athletic harbour the ambition of going one step further this season and push for a finishing place in the top six.

However, their quest to end a seven year exile from the Premier League hasn't gone to plan so far with the Addicks currently situated in the bottom half of the league table.

Injuries to important players certainly hasn't helped Chris Powell's cause as notably Player of the Year of the past two seasons Chris Solly is currently sidelined with a knee injury.

With wins hard to come by in the latter stages of 2013, Charlton will travel to the Reebok Stadium this afternoon hoping for a victory in their final away game of the calendar year.

With frontman Marvin Sordell ineligible for today's game, Powell looks likely to opt with former Reading striker Simon Church and Yann Kermogant in attack as they bid to win at BL6 for the first time since August 2002.

On that day, goals from Chris Bart-Williams and Jason Euell cancelled out Youri Djorkaeff's early opener for Bolton to secure all three points for the Addicks.



STARMAN

A summer signing from relegated Reading, Simon Church joined Charlton as a free agent back in August after impressing on trial, bringing down the curtain on a ten year spell with the Royals.

Handed the number nine shirt, Church made his Addicks debut as a substitute against Bournemouth before marking his maiden start with two goals three days later as Chris Powell's side beat Oxford United 4-0 in the Capital One Cup.

The Wales international currently leads the Addicks' scoring charts with five goals in all competitions, including a crucial winner away at Blackburn Rovers and Charlton's second goal in last's month 2-0 victory over Doncaster Rovers.

Church has also taken his goalscoring form to the international scene this season, scoring the only goal as Wales beat Macedonia in a 2014 World Cup qualifier back in October.

The 24-year-old started his career at hometown club Wycombe Wanderers before he made the move to Reading at the age of 14.

Despite signing his first professional contract with the Royals in July 2007, Church initially found first team opportunities hard to come by at the Madejski Stadium and was loaned out to Crewe Alexandra just three months later.

Later loan spells at Yeovil Town, Wycombe Wanderers and Leyton Orient followed, with Church's form at the latter earning the forward a Wales senior debut against Azerbaijan in June 2009.

Becoming a first team regular at Reading the following year following the departures of Kevin Doyle and Dave Kitson, Church scored his first goal for the Royals in only his fourth league start.

But the highlight of Church's time with Reading came against Liverpool when the Welshman gave his side a shock lead against the Reds in the FA Cup Third Round.

The tie went on to finish 1-1, with Reading progressing to the next round after a 2-1 win at Anfield in the replay.

In 2011/12 Church scored seven goals as Reading won promotion to the Premier League as Championship champions.

However, the forward failed to make a top flight appearance and was loaned out to Championship side Huddersfield Town, before departing the Berkshire outfit to move permanently to the capital.



THEBOSS

After leading Charlton Athletic back into the Championship in his first full season in charge, manager Chris Powell's next aim is to guide the Addicks back into the Premier League for the first time since 2007.

Former England international Powell spent three separate spells at The Valley during his playing days, experiencing both promotion to and relegation from England's top flight during his time at the club.

Having started his career with Crystal Palace in the late eighties, Powell climbed his way up the football ladder with Aldershot Town, Southend United and Derby County before first joining Charlton in 1998.

An ever-present during his debut year at The Valley, sadly it proved to be one to forget for the Addicks as they suffered relegation from the Premier League.



Powell's stay in England's second tier only lasted a season however, as Charlton won promotion back to the top flight immediately as Division One Champions.

Catching the eye of England manager Sven-Goran Eriksson, the then 31-year-old Powell became the Three Lions' eldest debutant in nearly 50 years.

Making his maiden international appearance as a substitute against Spain during the Swede's first game charge, Powell would go on to win a further four caps.

Initially joining West Ham United on loan in 2004, Powell played a major role as the Hammers won promotion back to the Premier League via the Play-Offs, before departing the club in favour of a return to Charlton after just one year.

While his second spell at the Valley would also last just a

season, Powell would spend the next four years yo-yoing between England's top three divisions, juggling playing with coaching as he enjoyed further one year spells with Watford and again at Charlton before finishing his career at Leicester City.

After being given his first taste of management by the Foxes after he was briefly named as their caretaker manager in October 2010, Powell would late return for a fourth spell with Charlton in January 2011, this time as manager as the 44-year-old replaced Phil Parkinson.

Finishing mid-table during his first months in charge of the Addicks, Powell guided Charlton to the League One title in his first full season in what was a record-breaking year for the club.

Missing out on the Championship Play-Offs by just three points last year, Powell will be eager to go one further as he looks to replicate a feat he managed three times as a player – to win promotion to the Premier League.





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POSITION: FULL-BACK
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NATIONALITY: FRENCH
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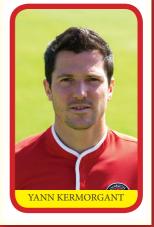
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For six years in the noughties, Bolton Wanderers versus Charlton Athletic was a Premier League fixture.

It is one of those top flight encounters we revisit this week, as a Jay-Jay Okocha-inspired Trotters side proved to be no match for the Addicks on the opening day of the 2004/05 season.

Looking to start the season in perfect fashion, Bolton manager Sam Allardyce handed debuts to summer signings Gary Speed and former Real Madrid defender Julio Cesar as the hosts went into the tie searching for a first ever league victory over Charlton at the Reebok Stadium.

Hitting the ground running, Bolton could have taken the lead twice in the opening minutes as goalkeeper Dean Kiely saved well from Kevin Davies before Bruno N'Gotty headed wide from Ivan Campo's free-kick, but Wanderers did not have long to wait until they did find themselves ahead.

After Shaun Bartlett fouled Davies to hand Bolton a free-kick 30 yards from goal, Okocha stepped up to outrageously hammer home the set-piece as the Nigerian produced an early contender for goal of the season.

Henrik Pederson doubled his side's lead midway through the first half, as the Dane held off Luke Young's challenge to receive Okocha's pinpoint return pass before firing beyond the hapless Kiely.

The Addicks came close to halving the deficit almost immediately, but Kevin Lisbie was unable to beat Jussi Jaaskelainen from six yards, after Jason Euell's cross deflected kindly into the forward's path.

Bartlett's hesitation in the Bolton box saw Charlton waste another good opportunity, before debutant Danny Murphy was unlucky to see his powerful volley fly harmlessly over the bar.

But despite Charlton's best efforts the contest was over shortly after the hour mark as Okocha notched his second to hand his

side a three-goal lead, finding space on the edge of the area before unleashing a powerful strike at goal.

Only the head of Bartlett prevented Okocha from claiming a much-deserved hat trick, as the South African was on hand to clear another one of the Bolton maestro's speculative long-range free-kicks off the line.

Charlton continued to struggle at both ends of the field but did finally have something to celebrate, as Lisbie atoned for his earlier misses to provide a consolation goal for Alan Curbishley's side.

Taking advantage of some lax Wanderers defending, the Jamaican international headed home after being picked out by Murphy's precise free-kick.

And while Charlton threw on Francis Jeffers and Dennis Rommedahl in their desperate bid for a further goal, any slim chance of a comeback was quickly ended as Bolton finished the game at a canter.

Pederson came close to adding his second goal, only for his effort to be cleared off the line following a goalmouth scramble but he was not to be denied again, lashing home his second with ten minutes to go after being played in by Speed.

Speed and Ricardo Gardner both came close before the end but both saw efforts fly harmlessly over the bar, as the final whistle went with the Wanderers ending the day 4-1 victors.

The Trotters would go on to qualify for the UEFA Cup as they secured their highest ever Premier League finish. Ending the season in sixth, Bolton would have just a ten-game winless winter run to blame for not staking a claim for Champions League qualification, finding themselves just three points behind fourth-placed Everton.

Charlton meanwhile would recover to finish in 11th place, despite ending the season with no wins from their last nine games and just one win from their last 14 league encounters.

NUMBERSGAME



The age of Charlton Athletic's youngest ever player and goalscorer – Jonjo Shelvey. The England international made his debut against Barnsley in April 2008 before scoring his maiden goal against Norwich City 251 days later.



Sam Bartram's record number of appearances for the Addicks during his 22-year spell at the club between 1934 and 1956. Bartram is also Charlton's oldest ever player, making his last appearance for the club at the age of 42.



The year Charlton became a professional club, first entering the Football League the following year.



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Charlton's highest ever victory came against Middlesbrough in September 1953.



The year Charlton Athletic won the FA Cup for the first, and so far only, time in the club's history.



Charlton's record number of points in a season came in 2011/12 when the club were crowned League One champions.



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After scooping the Community Initiative of the Year award at last month's prestigious North West Football Awards, Bolton Wanderers Community Trust are hoping for another successful year in 2014.

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The stadia can be used to run a wide variety of sports including football, basketball and street cricket and will work in those areas where facilities are limited using the BWFC brand to encourage people to take part.

Ben Laycock, Head of Strategy & Development for Cohesion said: "We are truly grateful for the support of Asda Foundation, especially the Astley Bridge Asda Community Champion, Christine Baldwin. We took a vision to her and she has worked with us to make it happen.

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Bolton Wanderers manager Dougie Freedman took his full squad of first team players to the BWFC Juniors Christmas Party on Tuesday evening at the Reebok Stadium to celebrate the festive period with young Whites fans.

The manager and his team first took their place on the stage to answer questions relating to the yuletide period and those in attendance heard David Wheater quizzed on how many reindeers he could name, Neil Danns revealed his favourite Christmas film, Chris Eagles named his best and worst ever presents and Marc Tierney disclosed what he really wants for Christmas!

Following on from the Q&A session Dougle and his players took their seats for a signing session where the BWFC Juniors members queued up to have their photographs taken with their favourite players as well as getting their 2014 BWFC calendars signed.

Throughout the course of the evening the children were also entertained with meeting Father Christmas in his grotto, festive themed games with mascots Lofty the Lion and Lofty Junior and music from former BWFC Juniors member REDD.

Speaking after leaving the party, Dougle said:

"It was a brilliant turn-out this evening from so many of our young fans and I think myself and my players enjoyed ourselves as much as the children and it seems like everyone will be going home with a smile on their faces tonight and looking forward to Christmas even more."

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LIFELINE WINNERS COLLECT AWARD AT THE REEBOK

Two Bolton Wanderers' Lifeline winners were at the Reebok earlier this month to collect their winning cheques – in perfect timing before Christmas.



First up, Mr M Fort won the weekly prize of £2,000 on week 47. Mr Fort and his son, who are both season ticket holders were delighted to go pitch side to receive their prize from agent Chris

Grady ahead of the game against Huddersfield Town.

Four days later, Mr R Taylor and his daughter collected their £2,100 prize ahead of the 3-0 victory over Doncaster Rovers. This time Chris Eagles was on hand to present the cheque alongside Grady.



If you are interested in winning a handsome cash sum in 2014 and joining Lifeline please call 01204 673774.



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INSTITUTE OF SPORT

A BIG WELCOME

Bolton Wanderers' Institute of Sport are today giving a very warm and festive welcome to a party of people from India, who have all made the trip to the Reebok for today's game against Charlton Athletic.

The trip was organised through local business and award winning Indian restaurant Spice Valley.

The group, who have made the 16-hour flight to British shores, are here for ten days and will be working with International Soccer School coaches throughout their stay.

In addition, they will be also visiting a few cultural



attractions in the local area as well as taking some classes with our Education team.

Dave Bailey, head of the International Soccer School said: "We have had many groups over the years come over to England and it is great when local businesses come together for the greater good of Bolton.

"We welcome the party from India with open arms and hope the experience we give them as a club and as a town will remain with them for many years to come."

The group from India will be pitch side today for a team photo.

HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY DARCIE MOON,

our very own baby Wanderer!
All our love
Auntie Jen & Granddad xxx







MIDDLESBROUGH

Aitor Karanka's Middlesbrough will be the first side to visit the Reebok Stadium in 2014 when they make the trip south to Greater Manchester on New Year's Day.

The former assistant manager to Jose Mourinho at Real Madrid, Karanka was named Boro boss last month, penning a deal with the Teesside outfit until 2016.

The 40-year-old spent three years at the nine-time European Cup winners under the 'Special One' before leaving the club when Carlo Ancelotti was placed in charge.

His exile from football wasn't for long, as Middlesbrough came calling following the departure of long standing boss Tony Mowbray after three years in charge at the Riverside.

Unable to finish in the top six of the second tier since their relegation from the Premier League in 2009, Boro will be hoping Karanka can mastermind a promotion challenging campaign.

With a squad already assembled at the Riverside, Karanka may want to boost his ranks in January after having eight games to look at his team before today's contest at the Reebok.

Over the summer, former boss Mowbray recruited a number of players to help boost Boro's promotion push, with the exciting Albert Adomah brought in from Bristol City, while Dean Whitehead, Jacob Butterfield and Daniel Ayala all joined from Premier League sides Stoke City and Norwich respectively.

Scott McDonald, the Australian who reportedly cost Boro £3.5 million from Celtic in 2010, left to join Millwall on a free transfer after netting 37 times in a 116 games.

Also leaving Teeside was Josh McEachran after his season long-loan spell from former European Champions Chelsea came to an end. The combative midfielder made 38 appearances under Mowbray and was awarded the club's accolade of Young Player of the Year.

A worrying statistic for Boro supporters however is that their troops have only picked up three wins in their last 17 games and languish in 18th position heading into the festive fixture period.

Since Karanka took over last month they have only managed to secure one victory, with that win coming against Dougie Freedman's side in the Spaniard's first home game in charge.

On their last visit to the Reebok Stadium back in April, Middlesbrough went away empty handed as the Trotters picked up their eighth home win on the bounce courtesy of strikes from Chris Eagles and Marvin Sordell – a result which Wanderers will be going all out to replicate when the two sides clash on January 1.



"Of course I am angry. We are giving gifts to our opponents in every game.

"I can't believe it. It is the same thing again. It is not normal to play so many games when you are probably better than your opponents but you do not get the points.

"It is always a lack of concentration. It cannot continue in this way. Here we are again after five games now saying the same things.

"All we can do is work hard. The biggest problem though is focus. My hope is that in the next games the players concentrate until the very ast minute."



Philip Gittins Wanderers Player commentator

As this afternoon's visit of Charlton brings the calendar year of 2013 to an end here at the Reebok, I thought it would be a good time to reflect on what has been arollercoaster tw elve months in the life of Bolton Wanderers Football Club.

In terms of the team's best performance, while February's 4-1 Reebok demolition of soon to be promoted Hull City and November's impressive win at Bournemouth are right up there, for drama and impact there is only one stand out game for me.

Comfortably the best side we faced over 180 minutes last term were Brighton. On their visit to BL6 in March, having fallen behind to Marcos Alonso's first half strike, Albion laid siege on Adam Bogdan's goal for long periods, but fuelled by a collective refusal to relinquish their advantage Wanderers won that day, swelling belief that a play-off place was there for the taking

Alongside the highs however, there have been a couple of lows and without question this is the most straightforward category to make a judgement on quite simply it has to be May's final day draw with Blackpool.

Despite recovering from being two down to draw level, the Whites just could not find a winning goal but they were still on course for the play-offs until Leicester's stoppage time winner at Nottingham Forest cruelly denied them a top six finish.

Throughout 2013, there have been a number of candidates for the accolade of stand-out player. You have to ask yourself would Wanderers have gone as close to a play-off spot without Chris Eagles' vital goals in the final weeks of last season?

In his brief spell at BL6, Craig Dawson's impact was nothing short of sensational, and who could deny the claims of Tim Ream and Matt Mills who have fought back to become first choice regulars having previously been on the fringes of the squad?

In terms of consistency, determination and passion though, throughout the calendar year for me it has to be Jay Spearing.

As well as top performers on the pitch, there have undoubtedly been quite a few great and extremely important goals scored along the way.

With certain players though you just know that when they find the back of the net it tends to be special, and our very own Medo is one such player.

Throughout his Reebok career he has demonstrated a keen eye for goal and a venomous shot to boot. Often he has come perilously close only to be denied by the woodwork or a fine save, but when Ipswich Town visited the Reebok in October the Sierra Leone international demonstrated he has another weapon in his armoury as from 25 yards out he deliciously curled a free kick home to score a goal that will live long in the memory.

In every team though there will always be one promising young star, and Rob Hall is definitely Wanderers' one for the future. With every game he plays his influence grows and I believe we can expect big things from him in the coming year.

Also having Mark Davies available again after his lengthy lay off will add real quality to the squad - he will effectively be like a new signing.

But undeniably one man is very much the talk of the Reebok right now - our number fourteen, Andre Moritz.

Blessed with sublime skills and creative flair, he is fast becoming a fan favourite and is definitely my one to watch in 2014!

Have a fantastic Christmas and very best wishes for the New Year.



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TODAY'SFIXTURES

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BOLTON V CHARLTON 15:00

BRIGHTON V HUDDERSFIELD 15:00

BURNLEY V BLACKPOOL 15:00

DERBY V DONCASTER 15:00

IPSWICH V WATFORD 15:00

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- **30 NICK POPE**
- 32 CAMERON STEWART
- **35 JOE PIGOTT**

MATCHDAY OFFICIALS

REFEREE PHILIP GIBBS

ASSISTANT REFEREE ROBERT ELLIS RICKY WOOTTON

FOURTH OFFICIAL SCOTT DUNCAN

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NEXT HOME GAME: WED 1 JAN - BOLTON WANDERERS V MIDDLESBROUGH - K.O. 15:00



